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S.B. 291, An Act Concerning Crane Operation

Committee on Public Safety and Security

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CCIA Position: Supports

The Connecticut Construction Industries Association is comprised of a number of substantial firms in various sectors of the construction industry who have a long history of providing quality work for the public benefit and a great deal of experience performing work equipment that falls under Federal OSHA crane regulations. Those firms include building contractors, heavy civil contractors, environmental contractors, utility contractors, transportation contractors, quarry operators, asphalt producers, ready mixed concrete producers, and equipment dealers that rely on the operation of equipment covered under these federal regulations as part of the normal course of conducting business. Safety is a priority at CCIA and with our member organizations. CCIA and its safety committee in particular always appreciate the opportunity to work with government agencies and officials on all levels to address concerns relating to safe operation of cranes and other hoisting equipment.

CCIA supports An Act Concerning Crane Operations, and respectfully request that the committee act in favor of the substitute language provided by the Department of Administrative Services. This bill is a measured proposal that aligns the section of state statute that authorizes the State Crane Board to develop and administer written and practical examinations by Oct. 1, 2014, which was the original implementation date of the proposed federal crane rule, with federal rulemaking. Last year, the state enacted a law which required that state crane licensing rules coincide with the federal crane statute. Federal OSHA has since decided to propose that the original implementation date of their crane rule be extended to November 10, 2017, and S.B. 291 is an appropriate measure in anticipation of that extension.

Please contact John Butts, Liaison to the CCIA Safety Committee, at 860-529-6855, or at jbutts@ctconstruction.org if you have any questions or if you need additional information.

For more than 80 years, CCIA has represented the commercial construction industry in Connecticut, carrying on its founding members' belief in the power of collective action and cooperation to grow the industry. One of the Association's oldest entities, the Connecticut Road Builders Association, was formed in 1933. CCIA is an organization of associations, where various segments of the commercial construction industry work together to advance and promote their shared interests. CCIA is comprised of over 300 members, including contractors, subcontractors, material producers, equipment and material suppliers, professionals such as accountants, attorneys, engineers, surety and insurance companies, as well as other professionals allied with the state's construction industry.

